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**NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP SUPERFUND SITE GROUP**

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**First Class Mail**

Mr. Brad Bradley  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois  
Consent Decree  
Progress Report 62 (June 2004)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during June 2004.

**1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:**

- On June 8, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a progress report to EPA.
- On or about June 11, 2004, the Group's project coordinator received a map from EPA for inclusion in the Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Work Plan. The Group's project coordinator provided copies of the map to the Madison County Community Development Agency for inclusion in the SEP Work Plan.
- Beginning on June 14, 2004, the Group's contractor, ENTACT, remobilized to the site, repaired and seeded the erosion areas on the Taracorp pile cap, removed the sediment and debris from the storm water channel around the Taracorp pile, and completed other miscellaneous maintenance activities at the site.



- On June 15, 2004, ENTACT conducted an operation and maintenance inspection at the site on behalf of the Group.
- On June 17, 2004, the Group's project coordinator and EPA's project manager discussed the map that EPA provided for inclusion in the SEP Work Plan. The information provided by EPA was communicated to the Madison County Community Development Agency by the Group's project coordinator.
- On June 17, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a memorandum to EPA's SEP project manager in regard to the SEP Work Plan. The Group's project coordinator received a response from EPA on June 18, 2004 and communicated the information provided by EPA to the Madison County Community Development Agency for use in continuing to prepare a revised SEP Work Plan.
- On June 24, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a letter to EPA that included ENTACT's log sheet documenting the results of the June 15, 2004 operation and maintenance inspection at the site.
- On June 24, 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency issued a revised SEP Work Plan to EPA to address EPA's May 7, 2004 comments. The Madison County Community Development Agency also advised EPA that the kick-off event for the Supplemental Environmental Project is now anticipated to occur in August 2004.
- On June 30, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a memorandum to EPA's SEP project manager to highlight the revisions that were made by the Madison County Community Development Agency in the June 2004 revised version of the SEP Work Plan to address EPA's May 7, 2004 comments.
- During June 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency continued to prepare for the public kick-off event related to the implementation of the SEP.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- As noted above, the Madison County Community Development Agency submitted a revised SEP Work Plan to EPA on June 24, 2004 to address EPA's May 7, 2004 comments.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As reported in previous monthly progress reports, the Group authorized ENTACT to perform maintenance activities at the site to address the items outlined in ENTACT's June 24, 2003 inspection report. ENTACT mobilized to the site in February 2004 and demolished the small building on the former BV&G Trucking property. After Illinois Power retired a gas meter, ENTACT remobilized to the site in March 2004 and completed demolition work for the larger building on the property. Repairs to the security fence were also completed in March 2004. ENTACT remobilized to the site in May 2004 to complete additional repairs. As noted above, ENTACT remobilized to the site in June 2004 and completed maintenance activities, including the repairs to the erosion areas on the Taracorp pile cap.
- Upon receipt of "model language" from EPA, the Group will continue efforts to establish institutional controls for the Taracorp pile property.
- The Group and the Madison County Community Development Agency will address comments, if any, from EPA on the revised SEP Work Plan submitted to EPA in June 2004. The Group also anticipates that the Madison County Community Development Agency will continue to prepare for a kick-off event for the SEP.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- As noted above, the Madison County Community Development Agency advised EPA in June 2004 that the kick-off event for the SEP is now expected to occur in August 2004.

7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

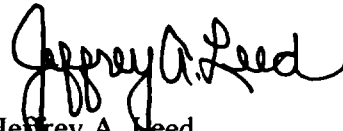
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Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

**LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Leed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being more prominent than the last name "Leed".

Jeffrey A. Leed  
Project Coordinator

cc: Ms. Sandra Bron - Illinois EPA (by first class mail)  
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Technical Committee, NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group  
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